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SUBJ: CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE WORLD: QUERY FROM
BANGALEE LAWYER

REF: CA 2314 OF APRIL 3, 1975

1. MIRZA GOLAM HAFIZ, SENIOR MEMBER OF BANGLADESH
SUPREME COURT BART
ND LEADING BANGLADESH LION, CALLED
AT EMBASSY TODAY TO DISCUSS DIFFICULTY HE CONFRONTS
IN ACCEPTING INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCTOBER
12-17 CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE WORLD IN WASHINGTON
WHICH IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE PEACE THROUGH LAW
CENTER.

2. HAFIZ SAYS HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE
BY WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CENTER PRESIDENT RHYNE AND
WOULD LIKE TO DO SBGM HE ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT HE CAN
COVER COST OF TRAVEL DACCA-LONDON-DACCA ONLY. CON-
TINUING, HAFIZ SAID THAT HE CONCLUDED FROM THE LETTER
HE HAS RECEIVED OVER RHYNE'S SIGNATURE THAT THE CENTER
HOPES TO FIND "SPONSORS" FOR VISITORS FROM ABROAD AND
ASKED IF THE EMBASSY COULD ENQUIRE WHETHER OR NOT SUCH
"SPONSORS" WOULD BE ABLE TO COVER A PORTION OF TRAVEL
COSTS (IN HAFIZ'S CASE FOR THE LONDON-WASHINGTON-LONDON
LEG) AS WELL AS LIVING EXPENSES WHILE AT THE CONFERENCE.
SINCE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR HAFIZ TO OBTAIN A REPLY TO
ANY INQUIRY HE MIGHT MAKE WOULD BE LENGTHY, WE AGREED
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TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT IF IT MIGHT INQUIRE ON HIS BEHALF.

3. WHATEVER THE CHARACTER OF HAFIZ'S INVITATION MAY BE, WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN USING ANY OF OUR MODEST IVP FUNDS TO ASSIST HIM WITH A PARTIAL GRANT. LAWYERS ARE NOT INCLUDED AMONG THE PRIORITY GROUPS CONTAINED IN THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM PORTION OF THE CURRENT YEAR'S BANGLADESH COUNTRY PROGRAM AND WE CANNOT, THEREFORE, DIVERT SUMS NEEDED FOR OTHER IVPS FOR USE ON THIS OCCASSION. AND ANYWAY, HAFIZ WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE INCLUDED IN ANY SHORT LIST OF LAWYERS WE MIGHT PREPARE.
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